

# CAHUILLA NEWS LETTER

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Subject: Request for Acceptance and Improvement of Access Road to Sec. 36, T.5S., R.5E. Palm Desert Area.

Honorable Board of Supervisors,  
Court House,  
Riverside, California

Gentlemen: The Planning Commission respectfully recommends that your honorable Board approve the request of residents and property owners in Section 36, and improve and accept certain roads within and leading to section subject to the following conditions:

1) That a 60 foot right of way be provided without cost to the County.

2) That the Road Commissioner work with the property owners to determine the most feasible route.

3) That the road be improved with ASPHALT PAVING to a width of 24 ft., WITHOUT COST TO THE COUNTY.

This request was investigated by the Commission and it was found that:

1) Section 36 lies  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile west of Palms to Pines Highway and about 2 miles south of Palm Desert.

2) The properties to be served are government five acre tracts now largely in the hands of private owners.

3) A portion of the subject road would connect with the Palms to Pines Highway and the remainder would extend northerly along the east section line for a distance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

4) (THIS IS THE JOKER, Ed.) A possibly more Useful alternate location to the latter portion of the road would be 660 feet to the west of the east Section line.

5) The proposed road will serve approximately 125 Property owners and/or lease holders.

6) The Road Commission estimated the proposed improvement will cost \$4200 for approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile in length. It was moved and unanimously carried that the above recommendation be forwarded to your honorable Board.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY PLANNING  
COMMISSION

Tyler Suess, Planning Dir.

The above communication was given to Newsletter through the great kindness of Mr. George V. Berkey. He said, "When a group of people come to us, we feel they represent the community."

\$4200 FOR A PAVED STREET FOR SIX HOUSES to be paid for by all the property owners is the strange request contained in the letter printed in the first column.

The paved city street would start at Highway 74, stay on the County Line for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

A surveyor's flag is placed at the point where a new road would be built to serve the six houses.

This paved street would end, leaving the sandy gully formed by Cat Canyon "as is," although the property owners would be taxed for that private street. They would have to continue their private efforts to keep that sandy gully passable.

The houses west in the section would still have the hills and gullies to travel, and improvements would be their own concern.

"Taxation without representation" was quashed in Palm Desert this winter. It took time, effort and money.

Taxpayers in Section 36 would have been taxed for a building for which they had no chance to vote.

A self-elected committee published a legal notice in an obscure corner of the local paper, unnoticed by anyone but the interested parties. That meant that the tax was put over without protest. Finally, it was rescinded by the pressure of 455 signatures on petitions.

Do you want to be taxed for this road in Section 36? It can be done. Newsletter extends the information.

Do you object to the construction of a paved street for six people? Circulate a petition among the neighbors that says, "I do not want a paved street from Highway 74 for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to six private homes. It corrects none of our problems.

1. Sec. 36 needs a road across Cat Canyon flooded last year, and subject to flash floods.

The southwest area of Sec. 36 needs a road over rough terrain that is almost impassable in its present condition."

If you don't know your neighbor, do it yourself. Send it to:  
Supervisor George Berkey  
Fourth District, Riverside County  
Indio, Cal.



RURAL FREE MAIL DELIVERY should be petitioned for immediately. This would encompass not only sections 30 and 36, but all farms and other settlements up to Pinyon Flats. Palm Desert gets mail delivery in the fall.

A petition requesting mail service along Route 74 probably would be granted immediately.

In addition to ten or eleven families maintaining residence in Section 36, Mobile Homes Park will have an increasing number of permanent school term **winter** residents including the manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Valeur's Lazy V probably will have helpers who could use mail delivery.

Pinyon Crest has two or three all year residents.

Santa Rosa Trailer Court in Pinyon Crest will probably have several permanent summer families.

Do you want R.F. Delivery to Highway 74.

Write to the Post Office department requesting same. The more signatures on the letter or petition, the better are the chances of getting this service.

People who have mail boxes at the post office can still maintain them, if they so desire.

There have been some complaints about the increased distance since the new postoffice was finished.

Here is the chance to save time, gas, and give a mounted postman a job.

REGISTER at the County Clerk's Office at the new Court House in Indio. It is also possible to register in Riverside, if more convenient.

The voting address for Sections 30 and 36 is Palm Desert.

Do you want Desert County? Many forces are agitating for secession from Riverside County. What is best for the homestead people? Will your tax money be spent for your benefit instead of for a town in the western part of the county?

Desert County will have a road allotment. Do you have a chance to share in that money?

Palm Desert will probably have its own Supervisor. At present the Fourth District is almost unbelievably large. Will this give the homesteader some voice in government.

Remember, your vote means more to an office seeker than the huge property holdings of an absentee owner.

Remember, if you seek help for your area, a good voting group is something for the office seeker to consider carefully. Register. It was never more vital.

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COACHELLA VALLEY TELEPHONE CO. had a representative in Section 36 all of last week, interviewing prospective subscribers.

Mr. Wayne Mayfield says that the rate schedule will be ready soon. He will release this information to Newsletter when the exact rates are set.

There is some possibility that the City Limits of Palm Desert will be set back as far as the Rotary sign on Highway 74. The sign has just been erected across from Silver Spur Mobile Homes Park. In that case, the rates would be considerably less, since there is an extra charge for telephones outside the city limits.

People contemplating telephone service next fall are urged to send in applications at once. This will encourage the company to install their lines. Service can not be available before the fall season, so there is no possibility of costs beginning in summer.

If a person is contemplating a telephone, and for any reason, is forced to cancel, there will be no complications.

However, if application is made in the fall, there will probably be some delay in installation because of the tremendous demand for telephones in all the new building throughout the entire valley.

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The directory at the entrance is very handsome with a new glass cover. The box was repaired and stained.

The map was re-made. An excellent improvement was the listing of names of all claim owners, with the numbers of their acreage as shown on the map.

Local people hope that it will not again be the target for the Target practice.

Many people are using the rocky portion of Cat Canyon for target practice, probably a good place, for there is nobody around to get hurt.

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Electricity is installed in Catherine Wolf's House. She is building a new patio, and contemplates many more improvements this season.

Mrs. Elizabeth Price is proudly driving a handsome car. Best of luck and happiness to you, Mrs. P. Velma and Herman Henderson attended the Chamber of Commerce dinner at Shadow Mountain Club.

Alice Mura is in Las Vegas for a few days.

Bill Owen says he is feeling fine. Mora Brown will spend a few days with son Amon and his family at El Cerrito before going to Sequoia.